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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SCHINDLER VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. RABBI SCHINDLER INFORMED EUR OCTOBER 3 THAT ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE HAD INVITED HIM TO ROMANIA IN CEAUSESCU'S NAME. WHEN SCHINDLER MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT IN APRIL, NICOLAE HAD INDICATED CEAUSESCU THOUGHT SOONER BETTER THAN LATER AND POSSIBILITY OF NOVEMBER VISIT WAS MENTIONED. NICOLAE SAID CEAUSESCU WANTED TO "CARRY PROCESS FORWARD" WITH SCHINDLER BUT GAVE NO FURTHER ELUCIDATION OF WHAT WAS ON PRESIDENT'S MIND.

2. JEWISH EMIGRATION IS OBVIOUS POSSIBLE TOPIC (NICOLAE HAD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SCHINDLER'S TESTIMONY AND SAID ROMANIANS HAD EXPECTED "SOMETHING WORSE" WHEN SCHINDLER POINTED OUT HE HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE). SCHINDLER ALSO NOTES THAT "AMERICAN JEWS" HAD RECENTLY MET WITH SADAT AND SURMISES POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSION OF ROMANIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS IN SOME ASPECT.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE
REGARDING CEAUSESCU'S MOTIVATION FOR INVITATION AND
POSSIBLE LINES DISCUSSION WITH SCHINDLER MIGHT PURSUE.
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